

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd March 2021

(Due to Covid 19 restrictions this was a remote meeting via Zoom)

Present

Councillor K. Bailey	Councillor G. Haigh
Councillor D. Barker	Councillor S. Jones
Councillor J. Bellhouse	Councillor E. Knight
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor C. Nixon
Councillor K. Cook	Councillor L. Rawson
Councillor L. Gettings	

Councillor R. Finnigan and Councillor R. Gettings MBI

57.0 Apologies for Absence

57.1 There were no apologies for absence.

58.0 Declaration of Interest

58.1 There were no declarations of interest.

59.0 Chair's Remarks

59.1 Councillor Jones reported that a notice of resignation had been received from Councillor Kimberley, with the request that it take effect immediately. The Chair had accepted the resignation, and thanked Councillor Kimberley for his years of service to the community, and to the Parish Council.

59.2 Councillor Gettings advised that Councillor Kimberley had been given a thank you gift.

59.3 The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council could continue with 11 members, as this was within the delegated number required for the size of the electorate.

60.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd February 2021

60.1 The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

60.2 There were no matters arising.

61.0 Correspondence

61.1 Details of Correspondence for January had been sent out by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

61.2 The Clerk provided further information on three items of Correspondence:

- 1.Regarding the extension of the, long awaited, yellow lines at the junction of Finkle Lane/ Street Lane, it was confirmed that that they should be in place by April.

2. The Clerk informed the Council that there was to be greater involvement by the Police in the effort to enforce the HGV Ban in Gildersome. There would be more liaison with Parish Council, and monitoring operations would take place.

3. Discussion took place regarding the damage to the village Green, despite the new No Parking signs. It was proposed that a quote be obtained from David Cowburn for a number of stones to be put in place along the edge of the Green, bordering the unmade road.

63.3 The Clerk asked the Council if there were any other items of Correspondence requiring further discussion. Councillor Brown stated that she was concerned about the issue of idling bus engines, raised in an email from a resident. It was confirmed that Councillor Finnigan had contacted Dwaine Wells, Head of Commercial, at Arriva, and was awaiting a response.

62.0 Meeting Hall Update

62.1 Councillor Bob Gettings gave the most recent update, advising that Ward Councillors had been informed by Leeds that there would be no closure of libraries at the present time, due to Covid 19. Councillor Gettings confirmed, however, that the final plans for the refurbishment of the hall should be completed by end of the week, and put out to tender. He stated that despite the precarious financial situation of the city, he was confident the refurbishment would go ahead. Plus, the plans would incorporate many of the design features of the Parish Council's own plans. Decisions relating to the outside area and minor adjustments could be made at a future date.

Councillor Gettings was hopeful that work could be completed within a 13 week time scale, and stated that LCC would liaise with the user groups. Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Gettings for all his efforts.

63.0 Future Projects: Ideas

63.1 The following Councillors put forward ideas:

Councillor Brown suggested that, in the event of the closure of Gildersome Library, a traditional telephone box could be purchased to provide an additional 'little library' in the centre of the village.

Councillor Cook considered that, as it was unlikely that the Scarecrow Festival could be held this year, it might be possible to organise a Pumpkin Trail at Hallow'een, advertising locations of pumpkins or Hallow'een displays on the website.

Councillor Jill Gettings suggested a garage/garden sale as a community event, encouraging people to recycle and re-use.

Looking ahead to Easter, Councillor Nixon's suggestion of a 'Virtual Easter Competition' was agreed upon by the Council.

Councillor Jones requested that all councillor give some more thought to future projects, and put them forward at the next meeting.

64.0 Footpath 26

64.1 Councillor Knight gave background information regarding this Footpath, which

highlighted a number of problems over many years. Referring to the photographs sent out to all councillors, he reported that he had undertaken a site visit that day, and confirmed the poor access along it, and at the Gelderd Road end. Councillor Knight proposed that LCC Parks and Countryside contact the landowner, and reinstall the missing footpath sign; and that the Parish Council fund the clearance of the footpath. It was agreed to obtain a quote from David Cowburn.

Councillor Finnigan offered his assistance, and requested that he be copied in with this issue.

Councillor Brown confirmed that she had also recently received a complaint from a resident regarding the inaccessibility of Footpath 26.

The Clerk advised that it was crucial that Footpath 26 was cleared, as it was the key link in making a brilliant circular walk around the village, and footpaths had been especially well used during the pandemic.

65.0 Lights in the Trees on Town Street

65.1 It was confirmed that the lights would now be switched off during the week. This would coincide with the children's return to school on 8th March, the first step in the end of lockdown.

65.2 It was also confirmed, as agreed in January, that the lights would be left in the trees, apart from the lower ones, which would be removed by Graham Brown.

65.3 The Clerk to contact Councillor Hutchison regarding the lamppost connections.

65.4 Councillor Brown advised that ash die back was affecting one of the trees, and maybe the Parish Council should look to some future tree planting. Councillor Jones considered that this was a matter for further discussion in Future Projects at the next meeting.

66.0 Litter Picking

66.1 Councillor Nixon proposed alternatives to the organisation of litter picks until the lockdown restrictions were fully eased. These included setting up WhatsApp group for Gildersome, similar to the Litter Free Leeds group. Information to be put on the website and Facebook page. Residents could then access it and choose how, when and where they wished to be involved in litter picking activities. The Council agreed that this was the way forward.

67.0 Planning

67.1 Councillor Cook confirmed that she had prepared a list of all applications and decisions for February. This had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting, and posted on the Parish Council's website.

67.2 In response to Councillor Brown's inquiry about the length of time one particular application was taking, Councillor Finnigan stated that the Planning Department seemed to be dealing with all applications extremely slowly.

68.0 Finance

(The Clerk had sent out the following Finance Report prior to the Meeting.)

68.1 The balance on the Parish Council's **Current Account** currently stands at: £1,827.54

68.2 Payments made via Bankline:

HMRC/January PAYE	95.00
Starboard Systems/Scribe Finance System	345.60
C.Gamble/KreativeInc/Monthly Host Fee	10.00
S.Jones/Zoom Account/Monthly Fee	14.39
Edward Crosby Ltd/Grit	288.00
LCC/Lamppost Conversion	300.14
Bankline Fee	3.60
P.May/February Salary	<u>380.17</u>
	1436.90

TOTAL 1436.90

68.3 The balance on the Parish Council's **Reserve Account** currently stands at: £24,428.74

68.4 Councillor Jones stated that a quote of £100 had been received for essential maintenance work on the Little Libraries. Councillor Nixon proposed that this quote was accepted and this was agreed upon.

69.0 Date of Next Meeting

69.1 The next Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th April 2021, at 7.00pm

